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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

NOBUKO YAMAMOTO ET AL.

Application No.: 09/942,588

Filed: August 31, 2001

For: SCREENING METHOD FOR
GENE VARIATION

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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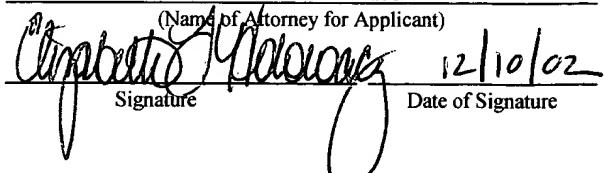
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